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CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON CALLS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CYBERSECURITY

April 20, 2005, Washington, DC — Today, the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity held a hearing and markup to review “The Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2005,” H.R. 285. The bill would require the creation of an Assistant Secretary position for Cybersecurity, to lead the Department’s efforts on securing our nations networks and systems.

Congressman Thompson stated, **“It is hard for me to understand how the Administration can be so reluctant on this issue, given the overwhelming support by the private sector, our colleagues across the aisle, and the Democrats in Congress for a new Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity.**

“When it comes to ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer networks, I believe that government and industry must work closely together. This effort requires attention at the highest level in both the public and private sectors if we are going to assure the security of our economy and our way of life.”

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